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### **Ravynne Gilmore Named Court Relations Program Coordinator**

*Former legislative aide brings diverse skill set, background to role of 'court-community connector'*

LANSING, MI, August 18, 2021 – The Michigan Supreme Court and State Court Administrative Office have chosen Ravynne Gilmore to serve as Court Relations Program Coordinator. In this important position, Gilmore will work with trial courts and community partners statewide to strengthen and expand outreach and engagement with the public. Gilmore will also have a special focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and support court efforts in that regard.

Gilmore brings a wide range of experience and training—from public service to nonprofits to the private sector. She most recently served in the Michigan Legislature, overseeing policy and legislative matters for a state representative, and previously worked at a Detroit-based nonprofit where she developed curricula for annual fellowship programs on urban, economic, and cultural change with particular emphasis on diversity, equity, and social justice.

“Ravynne’s skill set, experience, drive, and enthusiasm were exactly what we were looking for to make court-community engagement a top priority,” said Communications Director John Nevin. “Most of all, Ravynne has a laser focus on connecting with the people who interact with the courts, understanding their concerns, and helping the judiciary better serve the public.

“My diverse experiences have allowed me to develop and employ my passion for strategic planning, policy, and advocacy in a spirit of critical dialogue and practicality and encouraged me to help all people achieve their full potential. My primary focus will be directed on building the capacity of courts statewide to improve community engagement and make a difference in the lives of people when they need help the most,” said Gilmore.

Among other duties as Court Relations Program Coordinator, Gilmore will serve as the Public Information Office lead in planning, organizing and implementing events and outreach projects that help inform the public about the judiciary. She will also serve as the Court’s primary contact person on outreach and engagement for local educators, judges, and community partners. Projects Gilmore will take up include [Court Community Connections](#), [Adoption Day](#), and [Reunification Day](#). Gilmore will also be tasked with developing new public engagement initiatives.

Gilmore is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her B.B.A. in International Business. She also possesses legal training and knowledge, having earned her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and worked at the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office and the Wayne Mediation Clinic.

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